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VIA ECFS

Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: *Ex Parte*
 WC Docket No. 09-197**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 30, 2017, the undersigned, on behalf of Applied Research Designs, Inc., and Maurita Coley Flippin on behalf of the Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) met separately with Nicholas Degani and Jay Schwarz of Chairman Pai's office, and with Claude Aiken of Commissioner Clyburn's office. We discussed recent developments in the above-referenced proceeding, including the March 29, 2017 statement issued by Chairman Pai regarding this proceeding ("*On the Future of Broadband in the Lifeline Program*"), and discussed possible ways forward for prospective Lifeline Broadband Providers (LBPs) in light of the Chairman's statement and the Wireline Competition Bureau's February 3 *Order on Reconsideration* (DA 17-128) in this docket.

Kindly address any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVIS WRIGHT TREMAINE LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James M. Smith", written over a faint circular stamp.

James M. Smith

cc: Nicholas Degani
 Jay Schwarz
 Claude Aiken